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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
AND AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF A GRANT TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR
THE DEVIL’S PUNCHBOWL GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$650,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for general improvements to Devil’s Punchbowl Natural Area.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed actions not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, because the actions do not meet the definition of a project and for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the project.
2. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$650,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Devil’s Punchbowl General Improvements Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of

the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$650,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for the Devil's Punchbowl General Improvements Project (Project).

The proposed Project involves general improvements to Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area, including refurbishments to the existing nature center building, classrooms, parking lot, exterior woodwork, walkways, and paving. The total estimated Project cost is \$650,000 and will be fully funded with the recommended Specified Excess Funds.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award a grant when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, as well as grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2) by providing grant funds to enhance healthy activities in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in an amount not to exceed \$650,000, is budgeted in the RPOSD's Excess Project Funds, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. DPR meets this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District for Specified Projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director will be

authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. DPR is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

The proposed actions are not subject to the CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the actions are administrative activities for government grants, which, by their terms, do not involve any commitments to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

The appropriate environmental document for the proposed Project will be brought to the Board for consideration prior to requesting authorization to construct the Project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended Project will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

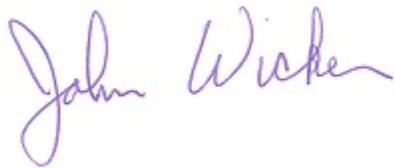
Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Directors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "John Wicker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

JOHN WICKER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors